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SecDef Names Gen. Chapman Asst. Commandant of Marines

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has announced the appointment of Lt. Gen. Leonard F. Chapman Jr., to the post of Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Gen. Chapman will replace Lt. Gen. Richard C. Mangrum, who is scheduled to retire on June 30.

Personnel Director Position Upgraded

The appointment of Gen. Chapman as Assistant Commandant was one of several reassignments which began with the naming of Lt. Gen. Lewis W. Walt as Director of Personnel and Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower. Gen. Walt was assigned to the post of Director of Personnel after the billet was upgraded to a three-star level by President Johnson.

Gen. Walt, who is presently serving as Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, in Vietnam, will succeed Maj. Gen. Richard G. Weede, who has been reassigned as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic.

Officials at Headquarters Marine Corps said Gen. Walt will represent Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Wallace M. Greene Jr., on manpower matters in dealing with other governmental departments and agencies. In its request to upgrade Gen. Walt's new post to a three-star level, the Marine Corps cited major increases in the position's scope and responsibilities resulting from the Corps' significant expansion and heavy commitments in the western Pacific, particularly in Southeast Asia.

Headquarters Marine Corps said that as Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Gen. Walt will be responsible for directing and coordinating staff functions in support of Marine Corps manpower requirements, both regular and reserve. He will also supervise individual training and education.

Other Reassignments

In other general officer reassignments, Lt. Gen. Henry W. Buse Jr., was named Chief of Staff of Headquarters Marine Corps, replacing Gen. Chapman, and Maj. Gen. Ralph K. Rottet will succeed Gen. Buse as Deputy Chief of Staff (Plans and Programs).

AIR WAR COLLEGE SPEAKER—Gen. Earle G. Wheeler (left), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, arrives at Maxwell AFB, Ala., to address graduation ceremonies at the Air University's Air War College. Gen. Wheeler was greeted upon his arrival by (left to right) Lt. Gen. John W. Carpenter III, Air University Commander; Maj. Gen. Robert A. Breitweiser, Air War College Commandant, and Maj. Gen. Carl Darnell Jr., Commanding General, 5th Region, U.S. Army Air Defense Command.

Army Announces 1967-68 Totals For Senior ROTC Enrollment

Army has announced that 189,000 students are programmed for ROTC Senior Division enrollment at various colleges and universities during school year 1967-68, an 11,578 increase over the preceding school year.

Increased participation is attributed to ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964, added program emphasis and support by institution and Army officials, and impact of Southeast Asia activities.

Army pointed out that ROTC will remain a primary source for officers for as far into the future as can be seen. A greater number of ROTC graduates are programmed for commissioning each year than will be commissioned by the Military Academy.

It is anticipated that next year about 18,000 Regular Army and Reserve officers will be commissioned from Army ROTC.

Continued expansion of Army Junior ROTC is also planned next school year, with 515 units programmed. Some 90,000 were enrolled at the beginning of this school year in 416 public and private secondary schools.

Washington Memos

TWO NAVY A-7A aircraft, single-engine jets, crossed Atlantic Ocean without refueling enroute. They flew from Patuxent Naval Air Station, Md., to Evreux, France, in seven hours and one minute. Both aircraft are on display at 1967 Paris International Air and Space Salon at LeBourget Airport.

ARMY RESERVE MAJOR Harold W. Rood has won first prize in U.S. Naval Institute's annual essay competition for his entry, "The Perimeter of National Defense." Stationed at Hq. and Hq. Detachment, 6329th Logistics Command, Pomona College, Calif., Maj. Rood received $1,500 cash award, a gold medal, and lifetime membership in Naval Institute at Annapolis, Md., from Chief of Naval Operations Adm. David L. McDonald.

AIR FORCE UNDER SECRETARY Norman S. Paul will speak at Air Force Academy's ninth commencement exercises, June 7. Graduation ceremonies will be held in Falcon Stadium.

ABOUT 7,800 U.S. Naval Academy and NROTC midshipmen are scheduled for summer training between June 5 and Sept. 5. At-sea training will be provided for first and third class midshipmen. Second classmen will receive aviation indoctrination, amphibious training and submarine orientation at selected shore establishments in the United States.

ON JUNE 1, Strategic Air Command launches a four-month selective traffic enforcement program. The time will be divided into 15-day periods in which a particular violation or traffic area will receive maximum concentration. The program covers the period traditionally called "101 Critical Days," extending from May 26-Sept. 4.

TELEVISION AND RADIO personality Art Linkletter will visit 15 Army, Navy and Air Force installations in England, Germany, Italy, Spain and Greece next month. Linkletter's tour is directed solely to military dependents abroad and will be highlighted by selection of a serviceman's wife to represent military wives on an all-expense paid tour of United States and appearances on Linkletter's television program.

AIR FORCE RECRUITING Service is looking for volunteers to fill officer positions at stateside recruiting offices. Officers in grades first lieutenant through lieutenant colonel may apply.

AIR FORCE UNDERWATER cable communications system around Indo-China peninsula is expected to be completed this month, according to AFSC's Electronic Systems Div. System will provide voice communications of higher quality and increased operational capability than existing system.

FIRST RESEARCH DIETICIAN to work with SEATO medical unit is Army Lt. Col. Florence M. Berger, AMSC. She is going to Bangkok, Thailand, this summer as Chief Dietician, Clinical Research Center. Col. Berger has been research dietician on metabolic service, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, since 1962.

SECURITY FOR U.S. pavilion at EXPO 67 in Montreal, Canada, is being provided by Marines. Thirty-two Marines—all Vietnam veterans—maintain around-the-clock watch of U.S. exhibits.

KEY CONCEPTS AT forefront of today's science will be examined in a seminar to be conducted by Air Force Office of Scientific Research in Albuquerque, N.M., June 7-14. Seminar attendees will include research, development and administrative scientists and engineers of Air Force, both civilian and military; employees and staff of Air Force contractors; other government agencies, and colleges and universities with research grants and contracts with AFOSR.

NAVAL ORDNANCE SYSTEMS Command will commemorate its 125th anniversary in August. Headed by RAdm. A. R. Gralla, Naval Ordnance Systems Command was originated on Aug. 31, 1842, and was called Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography. Original Bureau consisted of one captain, one clerk and three draftsmen, as compared with estimated 150 officers and 1,000 civilians who currently make up Command.

ARMY SELECTION BOARD will meet in early June to recommend officers for appointment to grade of temporary brigadier general. All temporary colonels with date of rank of Dec. 31, 1965, or earlier, and all permanent and temporary colonels—as of May 31, 1967—whose basic date of promotion purposes is on or before Dec. 31, 1944, are eligible for recommendation by selection board. Primary zone of consideration will include year groups 1941 through 1944 with promotion board permitted to recommend not more than 10 percent of selections from year groups 1945 and later and not more than five percent of selections from year groups 1940 and earlier.

TWO MEDICAL COURSES to better prepare doctors for overseas assignment have been developed by Air Force's Medical Service. Drawing on experiences gained in combating disease in Southeast Asia, Medical Service has instituted Tropical Medicine and Global Medicine courses. Global Medicine course was developed to inform physicians of significant disease problems of importance to military operations throughout the world, while Tropical Medicine course is designed to familiarize doctors with general background and disease problems of Southeast Asian countries.

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Background for Commanders

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE NEAR EAST

In view of the current situation between Israel and her neighbors, the following excerpts from a recent speech by Rodger P. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, are considered of special interest to commanders.

We have a deep and abiding interest in the preservation of Near East peace and stability generally—not merely because these are desirable ends in themselves, but also because we must not allow the tensions and hostilities of this region to escalate into world conflict.

It is important to emphasize that all of our interests are regional interests. They are not confined to any single country in the Near East. They continue to require that we have relations—and, if at all possible, friendly relations—with all of the states in the area.

Three Basic Problems

What then are our problems? A long list could be compiled, but most of them fall within three broad categories. *First*, the complex of problems stemming from our interest in the integrity and well-being of Israel and the refusal of the Arabs to recognize its right to existence. *Second*, those stemming from the need to adapt to the thrust of Arab nationalism, and the unrest stemming from historic divisions and rivalries among the Arabs themselves. *Lastly*, the efforts of the Soviet Union to reduce and eventually eliminate Western influence in the area and expand its own.

This classification is arbitrary, and most of the forces and trends which might be listed in each are interrelated or interact. For instance, there is congruity between the Arab wish to eliminate special interests of the West in the area and the Soviet effort to drive the West out. Conversely, the Arab will to independence is incongruent with the Soviet drive to expand its influence in the area. Similarly, U. S. efforts to maintain an evenhanded policy in the dispute has given the Soviets an opportunity to exploit Arab resentments to expand influence at our expense.

I know of no problem in the foreign policy field over the years that has received the continuous and concentrated attention within the U. S. Government and the United Nations as that of the peace and stability of the Near East.

Vast effort and the wealth and prestige of nations have been applied to devising a formula for peace between Israel and her neighbors, yet Arab and Israeli positions are as firmly opposed as ever. Individual Arab attitudes toward Israel vary, but the general attitude of Israel's Arab neighbors, as expressed in propaganda and public statements, is that Israel is an alien intruder into one of the few fertile spots in the Arab heartland, bent upon further expansion at Arab expense, and supported by what the Arabs call Western Imperialism.

Israel today is living very close to the war by which it achieved its independence, and its Arab neighbors consider that a technical state of war still prevails. It is difficult for non-Arabs to sense the traumatic effect the war of 1948 had on the Arabs, or the extent to which fear of Israel's power and its close identity with the West dominate Arab thinking today. This constitutes the hidden part of the Palestine iceberg, and until somehow the psychological barriers can be reduced, progress on the more apparent problems—refugees, borders, boycotts, or an acceptable *modus vivendi*—will be difficult.

Our interests extend to the whole area, not just parts of it, and require that we have good relations with both Israel and the Arab states, and with both moderate and radical Arab regimes, if at all possible.

American policy seems to me to have developed several approaches.

- First, the containment or prevention of conflict as a development which can have only an adverse impact on the interests of all concerned. To this end we have looked primarily to the U. N. and have given full diplomatic and material support to its peace-keeping machinery.

- Second, we have sought to maintain the best possible relations with all states of the Near East.

- Third, we have, therefore, tried to preserve a balance in our relations with each side. The U. S. has repeatedly made clear its opposition to aggression by either side.

- Fourth, as part and parcel of our efforts to prevent conflict, we have consistently sought to slow the arms race. While we have avoided becoming a major supplier of armaments, large-scale sales of Soviet arms into the area have compelled us to take another look at our policy and to amend it somewhat.

- Fifth, in more recent years we have reached the conclusion that a settlement of the Palestine problem cannot be imposed from outside the area; it must come through mutual acceptance by the peoples involved.

- Finally, U. S. policy is predicated on the assumption that peace between the Arabs and the Israelis is possible and that our own national interests require that we seek to facilitate its attainment.

Our commitment is to peace. We shall continue to work for this objective despite the complexities of the problem and the frustrations and crises that we will have to face in the years ahead.

F-111A Aircraft Complete Trans-Atlantic Flight

An Air Force F-111A recently flew from Loring AFB, Maine, to Le-Bourget Airport, Paris, France, in five hours and 54 minutes without refueling.

In the cockpit were Col. Ray O. Roberts and Maj. Thomas Wheeler.

The aircraft will take part in the 27th Paris International Air and Space Salon May 26 to June 4.

A second F-111A, on the same flight, landed at Wethersfield Air Base, England, where it will be available for operations briefings. The aircraft was flown by Majors Robert K. Parsons and John D. Phillips.

Both aircraft made the trans-Atlantic hop during the 49th anniversary month of the 1927 New York-to-Paris flight made by Charles A. Lindbergh in the Spirit of St. Louis. It took Lindbergh 33 hours and 30 minutes to fly 3,600 miles.

Before returning to the states, F-111A operational briefings will be given at Ramstein AB, Germany.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE— Col. Paul G. Skowronek (right) receives the Legion of Merit from Lt. Gen. James H. Polk, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, USAREUR and Seventh Army, during ceremonies in the general's office in Heidelberg, Germany. Col. Skowronek was cited for outstanding performance of duties while serving as Chief, U.S. Military Liaison Mission to Commander-in-Chief, Group of Soviet Forces, Germany, from June 1963 to May 1967.

Army Approves New Hat For Southeast Asia Wear

Army's Chief of Staff has approved a tropical full-brim combat hat for Southeast Asia replacing the "baseball cap."

The new hat, which provides increased sun and rain protection, will start coming off production lines sometime after August.

Effective date of supply for the new hat, which can be fitted with mosquito netting, will be established as soon as possible. The hat was chosen from three designed by Army's Natick Laboratories, Natick, Mass., that were evaluated by Army Concept Team in Vietnam.

AF Awards Contracts For MOL Development

Air Force has awarded its first major contracts for engineering development work in the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) program.

The first MOL launch is scheduled in 1970. The schedule calls for two unmanned launches followed by the first manned launch. There are seven launches in the program.

The definitized fixed-price-incentive fee contracts, totalling more than $850 million, cover such tasks as completion of major systems and subsystems design; the fabrication, testing, qualification, and integration of flight hardware and associated ground equipment.

Douglas Aircraft Corp., contractor for the laboratory vehicle, was awarded a contract for $674,703,744. McDonnell Aircraft Corp., contractor for the Gemini B spacecraft, received $180,469,000.

President Johnson announced the MOL program in August 1965.

The program is designed to improve knowledge of man's ability in space and its application to defense purposes; and to develop technology and equipment for the advancement of manned and unmanned space flight.

Secretary McNamara's Memorial Day Message To The Armed Forces

Today we pay homage to our fellow servicemen who gave their lives to preserve the noblest ideal of mankind: That of a just and lasting peace among all nations.

And, today the American citizen-soldier is again fighting and dying in a foreign land, continuing the struggle against totalitarian aggression. But, he is no longer merely a soldier in the military sense. While combating a ruthless adversary in Vietnam, he also labors at the grass roots level, lending a humanitarian hand to those caught in the wake of war. In this "other war," today's citizen in uniform shelters the homeless and the orphaned, cares for the sick, and feeds the hungry—thus constructing, as well as safeguarding freedom for those who have known little freedom.

But the defense of freedom is not alone the responsibility of the American servicemen in Vietnam, nor was it of those patriots who fought and died in previous conflicts.

Having paid freedom's fullest price, they have the right to demand of us, the living, that we preserve, cherish and bequeath to posterity their precious legacy to this nation.

On this Memorial Day 1967, let us then remember these gallant Americans who died so others could be free. But let us remember, too, their mandate. Let us be inspired and challenged by it, and rededicate ourselves to our quest for a just and lasting peace, so they will not have perished in vain.

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